

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A computer programmed method for providing medication administration comments comprising:
 - 5 accepting a medication administrator identification for a medication administrator;
 - accepting a patient identification for a patient from the medication administrator;
 - displaying a graphical user interface listing one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;
 - 10 accepting the selection of one of the listed medications;
 - determining if a condition for a compliance rule has been satisfied, wherein the compliance rule relates to the selected medication and has an associated comment; and
 - displaying, on a display device, the comment associated with the compliance rule when the condition has been satisfied.
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 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.
 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand
 - 20 name for a medication matches the selected medication.
 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates additional
5 verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

10 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the patient
should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of
15 the medication.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

20 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

5 14. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication contains a toxic substance.

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16. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

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17. The method of claim 1 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.

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18. A system for providing medication administration comments comprising:

- (a) a computer having a memory and a processor;
- (b) a compliance rule stored in said memory, wherein the compliance rule is associated with a medication and maintains a condition and a comment relating to the medication;
- (c) a program executing on said computer, the program configured to:
 - (1) accept a medication administration identification for a medication administrator;

(2) accept a patient identification for a patient from the medication administrator;

(3) accept a selection of a listed medication;

(4) determine if the condition for the compliance rule has been

5 satisfied;

(d) a graphical user interface (GUI) executing on said computer, the graphical user interface configured to:

(1) list one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;

10 (2) display the comment associated with the selected medication from the compliance rule when the program determines that the condition for the compliance rule has been satisfied.

15 19. The system of claim 18 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.

20. The system of claim 18 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand name for a medication matches the selected medication.

20 21. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

22. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

23. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates additional verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

5 24. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

25. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

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26. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the patient should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of the medication.

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27. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

28. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

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29. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

30. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

31. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

32. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication contains a toxic substance.

33. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

34. The system of claim 18 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.

35. An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer to perform a method for providing medication administration comments, the method comprising:

accepting a medication administrator identification for a medication administrator;

accepting a patient identification for a patient from the medication administrator;

displaying a graphical user interface listing one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;

accepting the selection of one of the listed medications;

determining if a condition for a compliance rule has been satisfied, wherein the compliance rule relates to the selected medication and has an associated comment; and

displaying, on a display device, the comment associated with the compliance rule

5 when the condition has been satisfied.

36. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.

10 37. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand name for a medication matches the selected medication.

38. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

15 39. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

40. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates
20 additional verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

41. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

42. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

43. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates
5 that the patient should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of the medication.

44. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates
10 that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

45. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment warns that
the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

46. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment warns that
15 the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

47. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates
that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

20 48. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates
that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

49. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates
that the medication contains a toxic substance.

50. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

5 51. The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.